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In re the Application of: **TAKEUCHI, Kiyofumi et al.**

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Examiner: **Shean Chiu Wu**

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For: **NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED October 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **October 6, 2004**, the deadline for response being extended to January 6, 2004, by a petition for a two-month extension of time.

In the Action, election is required of "a composition including each component selected from the general formula (I-1) to (I-5)." Applicant telephoned Examiner Wu for clarification of the election requirement, on October 20, 2004. Examiner Wu clarified that it is necessary to elect a second compound of one of general formulas (I-2) to (I-5), to be examined in combination with the compound of formula (I-1) previously elected.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the compound of Formula (I-2), wherein:

R¹ represents a propyl group,

A¹ represents a trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

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K¹ represents a single bond,

A² represents 1,4-phenylene,

K² represents -COO-

k³ is 1,

W¹ represents F,

each of W² to W⁶ represents H,

k⁴ is zero,

K⁴ is a single bond,

X¹, X² and X³ are H, and

Q¹ represents F.

This general compound is shown as (I-23dg) on page 66 of the specification, with R¹, X¹, X², X³ and Q¹ being variables in that formula.

Applicant submits claims 1-4 and 13-18 read on this election.

This election is made **with traverse** of the election requirement. Applicant also notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in independent form or include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.